

The 2023 Congressional Art Competition is open to all high school students who attend school or reside in Florida's 7th Congressional District which includes Seminole and parts of Volusia County.

The public high schools are the following:

Seminole County: Lake Brantley High School, Lake Mary High School, Oviedo High School, Seminole High School, Hagerty High School, Lake Howell High School, Lyman High School, Winter Springs High School.

Volusia County: Atlantic High School, Deltona High School, New Smyrna High School, Pine Ridge High School, Spruce Creek High School, University High School.

Each School will enter their top 3 pieces of art. Each student can enter no more than 2 pieces. Artwork must be the creation of a single student. Students may not collaborate on an entry.

Each teacher must RSVP their intent to participate by March 1, 2023 3:00 p.m.

Seminole Schools: Mary_lane@scps.k12.fl.us 407-320-0192

Volusia Schools: bahammon@volusia.k12.fl.us 386-734-7190 ext. 20685

TO ENTER

Accepted mediums for the two-dimensional artwork are as follows:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
- Collages: must be two dimensional
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-generated art
- Photographs

All entries must be original. The entry may not reproduce an image from a third party in the same or any medium, nor infringe the creative rights of any third party. The work may not violate U.S. Copyright law.

Artwork must be two-dimensional. Artwork can be **no larger than 26 inches high, 26 inches wide, and 4 inches deep.** If your artwork is selected as the winning piece, it must arrive in Washington, DC, framed. **Even when framed, it must still measure no larger than the above maximum dimensions.** No framed piece should weigh more than 15 pounds.

Artwork should not be framed for awards ceremony but must be matted.

Each entry must have 3 Completed Release Forms, one to be secured to the back of the artwork, one to be handed in to the Congressional Liaison at pick up from school and third for your records. The form requires a description of the artwork, which should be detailed, clearly identifying the major elements of the work. **The student, an art teacher, and a parent or guardian must sign where appropriate.** Designate with arrows to indicate which side is up. Also, provide a label with title, description of piece, name, grade, and school for the exhibit.

SUBMISSION DATE AND LOCATION

For Seminole Schools: Wednesday April 5th at 8:00 a.m., school's front office. Artwork should be clearly labeled "Congressional Art Contest – Pick up." Congressional liaison will pick up artwork from each school on Wednesday April 5th and return to the school on Monday April 10, 2023. Students may also bring their artwork home after announcement of winners on the night of the Awards Ceremony.

Volusia Schools' artwork will be picked up at Gate Way Center of Arts

SUITABILITY GUIDELINES

Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission (the Commission). In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy, or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed. While it is not the intent to censor any artwork, we do wish to avoid artwork that is potentially inappropriate for display in this highly travelled area leading to the Capitol.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Awards ceremony will be held on Friday April 7, 2023, at the Lake Mary Community Center 140 E. Wilbur Avenue, Lake Mary. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Winners will be announced at ceremony.

AWARDS

1st Place

2nd Place

3rd Place

All students and teachers participating will receive a congressional certificate and a photo with Congressman Cory Mills at the event. 1st place Artwork will hang in the Cannon Tunnel for the duration of the exhibition. 2nd place will be hung in our Lake Mary office and 3rd place will be exhibited in our satellite office in Port Orange. Students should only submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.

***For further detailed information & guidelines please visit: mills.house.gov/services.artcompetition – based on 2022 rules and are subject change**